

**Palmetto Charter School Board of Directors Meeting
March 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

<p>Call to Order, Pledge to our Flag and Welcome</p>	<p>In attendance were Chairperson Billy Eurice, Michael Ameres, Ron Witt, and Debra Woithe. Evan Guido and David Fernandez joined the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was closed due to COVID-19 and telecast via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm.</p>
<p>Adoption of Minutes for December 18, 2019</p>	<p>Mr. Witt made a motion to accept the minutes from our December 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Updates from Mr. Bustle</p>	<p>A. Enrollment Our lottery for the next school year has been completed. We are full at every grade level with nearly 300 students on the waiting list. Our Kindergarten alone this year had 30 siblings and staff children.</p> <p>B. Testing & Retention: Even though the Governor cancelled all state testing and gave parents the option to retain their child, that isn't an option for us as we do not have the room for it. Mr. Eurice questioned what the penalty is of being over in our class sizes. There was some discussion and it was agreed that Mr. Bustle will look into if the monetary penalty for being over in numbers will be waived because of the circumstances.</p> <p>C. DC Trip and Refunds: Mr. Bustle asked the Board for direction whether the D.C. trip should be cancelled immediately or if we should wait a little longer to see how things play out. Mr. Bustle has been in contact with Hotel Harrington and they have offered to refund the deposit or hold it over for next year and Southwest said they would consider refunding the deposit (maybe less \$50) if our Board cancels the trip due to COVID-19.</p> <p>After much discussion it was decided to cancel the trip altogether and to refund parents the monies that have been paid thus far (out of pocket) and then to enlist ideas and thoughts from the current 8th grade students as to what to do with the monies they have raised through fundraisers.</p> <p>Mrs. Woithe made a motion to request a refund from the airline and Hotel Harrington and if they cannot honor that, that we get a credit toward next year. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All sadly agreed to cancel the trip.</p> <p>D. Educational Services During School Closure: We began on Monday by each teacher sending out a basic assignment to let our families know we are still in business. As of now, the teachers have been given some latitude to communicate with their students using the platform they are most comfortable. However, should this go past April 15, Zoom is going to be the platform that we use as a whole. Mr.</p>

	<p>Bustle stated he is really proud of our staff. We are documenting how we are continuing to teach our students and submitting it to the district. We feel that what we are doing will forgo having to go into June for our school year.</p> <p>E. Hourly Employees: We want to keep everyone working here for the rest of the school year. Mr. Bustle communicated with the Board that he has offered to continue to provide work for those hourly employees that need to work. (As much as we can.) He shared Mr. Maxwell's circumstances with the Board and the Board discussed options to help. Setting precedence is a big concern.</p>
<p>Updated Cash Statement</p>	<p>Our cash position looks good. We have made our last payment to Church On The Rock for the lease of the cafeteria. Mr. Roby has kept us right at budget on the project. We did incur a \$13,000 cost to tie the bus lane into the road that goes out to 14th Avenue.</p>
<p>Fundraising and Grants</p>	<p>Mrs. Woithe met with someone at the Sarasota Community Foundation and found that they have a community grant that would be a good fit for us. She submitted a \$10,000 grant for bleachers. We should hear back next week. Everyone expressed their appreciation for her hard work with this.</p> <p>Giving Challenge Update: There is an online meeting next week where Mr. Bustle expects to receive more information.</p> <p>Mr. Eurice shared how he has been in other facilities and found that there are so many different items sponsored. Big and small. Bookshelves, offices, trophy cases, water fountains, etc. He encouraged to chase pennies and nickels rather than dollars. Mr. Bustle shared his paver idea and all agreed that would be a successful as well.</p> <p>Mr. Bustle would like to continue to take ideas from the Board about fundraising ideas.</p>
<p>Building Project Update</p>	<p>There was some discussion on how to irrigate the field. Debra Woithe offered to contact a few people at the City of Palmetto and ask about what options that we may have.</p>
<p>Principal Evaluation</p>	<p>This does not need to be done this year.</p>

Consideration of Mary Johnson for the PCS Board	Mr. Ameres made a motion for Mary Johnson to join our Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Witt. All approved.
Board Comments	Mr. Eurice suggested that going forward that some kind of accountability or performance survey be sent out to Board members at the end of the year asking basic questions. I.e, How did they feel the year went? Do they feel they contributed to the school? What is something they feel they could have done better? How long they foresee themselves being on the board?
Public Comments	This meeting was closed to the public.
Adjourn	Mr. Ameres made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Witt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO RECORDS OF PALMETTO CHARTER SCHOOL BY CHAIRPERSON, BILLY EURICE.



 BILLY EURICE, CHAIRMAN

9-27-2020

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